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SUBJECT: VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION IN FAA IFIM:
CERP 5016

REF: (A) STOCKHOLM 1832; (B) 77 STOCKHOLM 105;
(C) 76 STOCKHOLM A-75; (D) 75 STOCKHOLM A-47

1. DEPT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION TO VERIFY THE INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT INFORMATION MANUAL (IFIM) BY ALLOWING FAA TO REVIEW PERIODIC CHANGES TO THE SWEDISH AIRMAN'S INFORMATION PUBLICATION (AIP). FYI: THESE CHANGES ARE SENT FROM THE SWEDISH CIVIL AVIATION BOARD DIRECTLY TO THE FAA. THUS EMBASSY FORWARDING AIP CHANGES WOULD BE A NEEDLESS DUPLICATION.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS CONSIDERED EMBASSY'S PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS CITED IN REFTELS, BUT PREFERS THE EMBASSY CONTINUE TO VERIFY THE IFIM IN ACCORDANCE WITH 10 FAM 521
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AND CERP 5016 FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. THE AIRCRAFT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS SECTION FOR EACH COUNTRY IN THE AIP IS GENERALLY LENGTHY AND, ON OCCASION, COMPLICATED. HENCE, FAA FINDS IT IMPRACTICAL TO QUOTE VERBATIM FROM IT, ESPECIALLY DUE TO SPACE LIMITATION IFIM PUBLISHING FORMAT IMPOSES. FURTHER, THE POSSIBILITY

FOR MISINTERPRETATION OF VARIOUS RULES IS FAR GREATER THAN IS THE CASE IF THE EMBASSY, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ANNUAL WORLDWIDE REVIEW ELICITED BY CERP 5016, PROVIDES THE IFIM PAGE CONTAINING THE DATA PERTAINING TO THE HOST COUNTRY TO THAT COUNTRY'S AVIATION AUTHORITIES FOR COMMENT ON ITS ACCURACY.

B. THE IFIM IS REPRINTED EACH APRIL IN ITS ENTIRETY AND UPDATED WITH QUARTERLY REVISIONS. AT THAT TIME, IF THE FAA REVIEWED EACH COUNTRY'S AIP AND COMPARED THE CONTENTS WITH THE IFIM FOR CURRENCY, IT WOULD NOT ONLY BE A MONUMENTAL TASK WHICH, BECAUSE OF THE FAA'S PERSONNEL SITUATION, WOULD FAR EXCEED THEIR ABILITY TO MEET PUBLISHING DEADLINES, BUT IT WOULD ALSO DESTROY THE VALUABLE CROSS CHECK PROVIDED BY THE HOST COUNTRY REVIEW FOR ACCURACY.

C. FINALLY, IT IS TO EACH COUNTRY'S ADVANTAGE TO PERIODICALLY REVIEW THE IFIM FOR ACCURACY. THIS PROCEDURE HELPS TO AVOID INCORRECT INSTRUCTIONS FROM BEING DISSEMINATED IN THE U.S. THEREBY MINIMIZING FLIGHT VIOLATIONS COMMITTED BY U.S. CITIZENS.

3. ALTHOUGH DEPARTMENT AND FAA RECOGNIZE DIFFICULTIES VARIOUS POSTS HAVE IN COMPLYING WITH CERP 5016, ONE OF WHICH IS HOST COUNTRY RELUCTANCE TO REVIEW THE IFIM, WE UNCLASSIFIED

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REMAIN PUZZLED WITH WHY THE SWEDISH CAB FINDS IT SO OBJECTIONABLE TO CONFIRM AS ACCURATE THE EQUIVILENT OF THREE BRIEF PARAGRAPHS OF DATA WHICH THEY PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED. HOWEVER, BECAUSE CERP 5016 IS AN IMPORTANT REQUIREMENT WHICH RESULTS IN A HIGHLY-RESPECTED, WELL-READ PUBLICATION SERVING THE EXTENSIVE US AND WORLDWIDE AVIATION COMMUNITIES, WE REQUEST EMBASSY TO RESUME SUBMITTING YOUR CERP 5016 REPORTS. (FYI: THEIR ABSENCE FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS HAS BEEN INTREPRETED BY THE FAA AS AN INDICATION THAT THE CIRCA 1974 DATA PRESENTLY PUBLISHED IS STILL CURRENT). CHRISTOPHER

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